

Appl. No. 10/045,132  
Amdt. dated December 15, 2006  
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 3754

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### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 were pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled herein.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 3 and 4 are allowable. These claims are maintained and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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